

11th, 2001, and September the 11th, 2012, at Benghazi in the global war on terrorism.

Todd Beamer was correct: "Let's roll."

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(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, on this very somber anniversary, we remember the lives of 2,977 innocent men, women, and children who were killed 12 years ago today.

The horrific and brutal attacks that we witnessed the morning of September 11, 2001, forever changed our country and the world. But even during these difficult hours, we also saw inspiring examples of the very best that America has to offer.

We saw first responders who worked day and night searching for survivors at the World Trade Center. We saw thousands of men and women in uniform bravely answer the call to serve our Nation in a new kind of war—a war against terrorism. And we saw Americans all across this great Nation come together united in the certainty that we would recover from this tragedy, hold the perpetrators accountable, and do everything we could to protect our Nation.

As we face a new set of challenges today, let us recall the inspiring examples that we saw 12 years ago and remember that we are all Americans united by a shared set of values and ideals. But most of all, let us honor the lives that were lost and continue to pray for the comfort and peace of all those who still mourn today.

JUSTICE FOR BENGHAZI

(Mrs. WAGNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, for the past 12 years, September 11 has been a day of solemn remembrance in America. And 1 year ago, it was a day of violence in Benghazi that ended with four dead Americans during a planned terrorist track.

Mr. Speaker, as a former United States Ambassador, I rise today in honor of Ambassador Chris Stevens, Information Officer Sean Smith, and Navy SEALs Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods. Their families and the American people deserve answers; they deserve the truth and, more importantly, justice.

One year later, there are still so many unanswered questions: Why did we not answer the cries for greater security at the U.S. consulate? Why in the days and weeks after Benghazi did the administration lie about the terrorist attack? And who gave the stand-down order?

It is shameful that the Obama administration has refused to track and punish those who attacked and murdered

these four Americans. The American people deserve answers.

The Congress should convene a select committee to investigate the terrorist attack in Benghazi. The victims' families deserve the truth. The American people deserve a Commander in Chief that stands for strength, liberty, and justice.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SIROUS SADAGHIANI

(Mr. SWALWELL of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Sirous Sadaghiani, a wonderful 9-year-old boy from Dublin in my congressional district who lost his courageous battle with brain cancer this past weekend.

When he was diagnosed 1 year ago, he was given just 6 months to live. But although Sirous had been fighting for his life during the past year, he never gave up and never let his illness get in the way of his curiosity or his kindness for others. I had the privilege of meeting Sirous and his family. He was a smart, passionate boy who lit up a room.

I was so proud to see the entire Dublin community rally behind Sirous and his family with a meal train and fundraisers during this difficult time in their lives.

This month is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and I am committed to continuing the fight for funding for cancer research so no family has to ever experience losing a child to cancer.

Despite his short life, Sirous' story will continue to inspire others. My condolences go out to his entire family—his dad, Reza; mom, Marlene; twin sister, Sima; and brother, Zachary, who were always by Sirous' side as he fought for his life.

We miss you, Sirous.

AMERICA WILL NOT FORGET

(Mr. PERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I remember the morning of September 11, 2001, like it was just yesterday. The horror affected everyone in different ways, and each of us remember where we were and whom we were with on that fateful day.

I remember trying to get home from work. I remember turning on the TV. I remember the second plane hitting the second tower. And I remember my rage.

While America has begun to heal from the wounds of those cowardly and terrifying acts over the last decade, the scars remain. With each passing year, this anniversary serves as a moment for reflection and a time to remember the brave and selfless acts of our first

responders and the ordinary citizens who committed extraordinary acts of heroism. Most importantly, we will never forget the thousands of innocent people who died in New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

So today, I join my fellow Americans in prayer in remembrance of those who lost their lives on that fateful day. I also will pause to remember the selfless men and women at home and abroad defending our freedoms and liberties to prevent such a horrific day ever again from occurring.

Today—and always—Americans will not forget.

SEQUESTER

(Mr. CARTWRIGHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remind my colleagues that we are still operating this Nation under the ridiculous sequester budget. It has been months since these across-the-board cuts were enacted, devastating so many important programs that Americans rely on.

The purpose of the sequestration was to create a scheme of cuts so odious that Congress would do anything possible to avoid them. They went into effect, and we need to work together now to find a compromise to fully reverse these automatic, indiscriminate spending cuts. Leaving them in place will continue to hurt our economy. In fact, sequestration will cost about 750,000 jobs by the end of this year, according to the CBO.

Remember, budgets are statements of priorities; and we should not be asked to place a higher value on airline delays in lieu of Head Start, SNAP, Meals on Wheels, FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund, and public safety, to name only a few.

WE REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

(Mr. YODER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, today we pause to remember and reflect upon the heartbreaking attacks our Nation suffered on the morning of September 11, 2001.

We remember the lives lost at the World Trade Center, at the Pentagon, and the passengers on hijacked planes.

We remember the bravery of all the first responders who charged towards the flames and smoke to help their fellow Americans reach safety.

We remember the courageous service of the brave men and women in our Armed Forces and their families as they rose to the moment, responding with force to the cowardly attacks suffered by our great Nation.

We remember a proud and strong United States of America, torn apart